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Of Male Bondage

MY TURN/ELLIOT ENGEL

First came Lucy and Ethel; later there were Mary and Rhoda. Whether in television series or in the modern America they parody, females seem to have a monopoly on meaningful, intimate friendships that flourish through sun and storm alike. The typical male friendship, unfortunately, comes in one climate only: fair weather.

I've always been amazed at the nurturing emotional support that my wife can seek and return with her close female friends. Often the most intimate and intense problems are shared and therefore diminished through empathy. Her three-hour talks with friends refresh and renew her far more than my 3-mile jogs restore me. In our society it seems as if you've got to have a bosom to be a buddy.

Six years ago, on the evening before we moved across country, my wife's best friend came over for the final goodbye. Their last hugs were so painful to witness that I finally had to turn away and leave the room. It was then I began wondering why men so rarely share such poignant relationships, and I came to a number of troubling conclusions regarding the problems inherent in close male friendships.

Combat: Such friendships must ignore the dictates of American culture. We've been raised with positive male images that only sanction either standing alone or standing together as a team. If we need more companionship than that offered by the role model of solitary hero (John Wayne), then we must seek it in a pack on baseball teams, in bars or at Rotary meetings. The male twosome is rare and seems designed more for combat than comfort. Whether the setting is the tennis or the law court, men are expected to compete to win sets or suits against the opponent.

So even when two males build a lasting friendship, its foundation is usually a shared interest in some type of competition, be it occupational or recreational. And that almost ensures that the relationship will never deepen into intimacy but rather stay at a superficial and guarded level. The very stuff that intensifies an acquaintanceship into a devoted friendship seems reserved in our society for women only. Although feelings of need, warmth, insecurity and deep emotion know no gender, it is only women who express them outwardly and use their feelings as seeds for sowing loving relationships. Men nurture their feelings only inwardly and later harvest ulcers or heart attacks.

The problem is that vulnerability is not accepted as a healthy component of male friendship. Granted the women's movement has made great strides in convincing men that vulnerability is nothing to be ashamed of but is instead a badge of humanity. Suddenly, to be male and vulnerable is to be utterly acceptable—but only to women. The same wolves who used to prowl singles bars in the macho trappings of unbuttoned shirts and gold chains are now disguised in the sheep's clothing of sensitivity, suffering and miserable childhoods. The smart wolves know that Little Red Ridinghood wants to get into bed only with men who appear as understanding and soft as Granny.

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But no men's movement has attempted to make men brothers by emphasizing that they can forge emotional bonds like those that make women consider themselves sisters. Let one male approach another with talk of needing a kindred spirit, and the listener will start looking for the closet from which the speaker must have emerged.

The lack of intimacy between men seems especially sad because such friendships could fulfill some of the emotional needs that used to be satisfied by nearby families, children and more secure marriages.

Surrogates: I'm not suggesting that all male friendships can be as rewarding as the best familial bonds between brothers. But we should not forget that there is a little boy within all men, that same little boy who most women claim makes men especially attractive to them. And that enduring child never completely stops looking for a pal, a surrogate brother upon whom he can lavish some of those feelings of respect, pride and protectiveness that both sexes have always reserved for siblings. I'm sure that my wife's friends are in some sense surrogates for her cherished sister, who, for the past ten years, has been living far away. With many young marrieds moving from place to place, men might profit, as women have, from seeking closer friendships to combat the depression and loneliness that often accompany geographical roulette.

The days of the mythic male friendship, such as that enjoyed by Damon and Pythias, went out with the ancient Greeks and can hardly be expected to flourish again in modern America. But if men would begin to personalize

the concept of brotherhood by seeking more fraternal bonds with other men, they would find their freedom of expression and indeed their happiness greatly enhanced. In America's own national mythology, Philadelphia stands as the symbol for two ideas that are more interconnected than many imagine: the birthplace of freedom is also the City of Brotherly Love.

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THE FOREGOING WAS WRITTEN BY A NON-GAY FOR NON-GAYS. I THINK IT HAS A LOT TO SAY TO US, ALSO.
WE CAN ONLY HOPE THAT MORE SUCH SENTIMENTS WILL BE EXPRESSED BY MEN, BOTH NON-GAY AND GAY.

KAPOSI'S SARCOMA AND PNEUMOCYSTIS PNEUMONIA...

IN THE PAST 2 YEARS SOME GAY MEN IN LARGE AMERICAN CITIES HAVE DEVELOPED SEVERE PROBLEMS WITH THEIR IMMUNE SYSTEMS. (The immune system helps the body fight off disease.) NO ONE KNOWS WHAT IS CAUSING THESE PROBLEMS, OR WHETHER THEY ARE SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED, BUT THEY ARE SERIOUS AND OCCASIONALLY FATAL SOME OF THESE MEN HAVE DEVELOPED KAPOSI'S SARCOMA--THE SO-CALLED "GAY CANCER." SOME HAVE PNEUMOCYSTIS PNEUMONIA--"GAY PNEUMONIA". SYMPTOMS: KS--PAINLESS, SLIGHTLY RAISED RED OR PURPLE BLOTCHES ON THE SKIN, WEIGHT LOSS, OR SWOLLEN LYMPH NODES. PNEUMOCYSTIS: DRY COUGH, FEVER, OR RUN DOWN FEELING. SOME GAY MEN HAVE NEITHER DISEASE BUT NONETHELESS HAVE WEAKENED IMMUNE SYSTEMS. IF YOU HAVE ENLARGED LYMPH NODES, FEVER, WEIGHT LOSS, UNUSUAL OR PERSISTENT VIRAL OR FUNGAL INFECTIONS, DRY COUGH, OR UNUSUAL SKIN SPOTS, DON'T PANIC, BUT BY ALL MEANS SEE A DOCTOR WHO IS FAMILIAR WITH THESE PROBLEMS. YOU MIGHT WANT TO CONTACT THE STD CLINIC AT 501 N. FOOTE FOR SOMEONE WHO IS CONVERSANT WITH THIS GROWING AREA OF CONCERN.

COMMUNITY CENTER DANCE SET FOR SEPT. 18TH AT BROADMARKET SQUARE CONFERENCE CENTER...

SATURDAY, SEPT. 18th, HAS BEEN CHOSEN AS THE DATE FOR THE ANNUAL PPGCC FUND-RAISER. THIS YEAR IT WILL BE A DISCO/COUNTRY-WESTERN DANCE TO BE HELD AT THE BROADMARKET SQUARE CONFERENCE CENTER AT 1752 S. 8th STREET. TIME: 8pm til MIDNIGHT. TICKETS WILL COST $3.00 FOR SINGLES AND $5.00 FOR COUPLES. THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM CENTER BOARD MEMBERS(Ann, Bob, Debbie, Joe), AT THE CENTER SUPPORT GROUPS(Coming Out, Couples, Singles, Youth), AND AT THE DOOR. WE URGE YOU TO ATTEND AND BRING ALONG YOUR FRIENDS. FUNDS ARE NEEDED TO CONTINUE CENTER PROGRAMS ESPECIALLY THE HELPLINE(471-4GAY).

BOARD ELECTION & GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SEPTEMBER 26TH AT THE H & S...

A MEETING OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP AND BOARD ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY SEPT. 26th AT THE HIDE & SEEK. A POTLUCK LUNCH WILL PRECEDE THE MEETING AT 12:30pm. MEMBERS AND FRIENDS ATTENDING ARE ASKED TO BRING A DISH TO SERVE 4 to 6 PERSONS. THE CENTER WILL PROVIDE TABLE SERVICE FOR ALL ALONG WITH SOFT DRINKS.
THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AT 2pm. ALL POSITIONS ON THE BOARD ARE OPEN(President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, Help-line Coordinator, Newsletter Editor). SOME CHANGES IN THE CENTER BY-LAWS WILL ALSO BE PROPOSED. YOUR INPUT IS VITALLY NEEDED. SO PLAN TO ATTEND.

CENTER RECEIVES NON-PROFIT STATUS FROM I.R.S....

THE CENTER WAS NOTIFIED RECENTLY THAT IT HAD RECEIVED NON-PROFIT STATUS UNDER SECTION 509(a)(2) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE. THE REQUIRED PAPERS WERE SUBMITTED TO THE I.R.S. IN JAN. 1982 AND A PRELIMINARY RULING WAS RECEIVED IN JULY 1982. A FINAL RULING WILL TAKE PLACE THE FALL OF 1983. THE RULING STATES THAT THE CENTER IS A PUBLICLY SUPPORTED, NON-PROFIT CORPORATION(Boy, are we non-profit)! SO ALL YOUR DONATIONS OF BOTH TIME AND MONEY CAN BE DEDUCTED FROM YOUR INCOME TAXES. GIVE TIL IT FEELS GOOD! WE NEED ALL THE HELP WE CAN GET.

SINGLES GROUP WILL HOST POTLUCK...

ON THURSDAY, SEPT. 16th, THE CENTER SINGLES GROUP WILL HOST A POTLUCK FOR ALL OTHER CENTER SUPPORT GROUPS(Coming Out, Couples, Youth), THE HELPLINE STAFF, AND MEMBERS OF THE COURT OR MCC WHO ARE INTERESTING IN ATTENDING. TABLE SERVICE WILL BE PROVIDED ALONG WITH COFFEE & TEA. JUST BRING A DISH TO SHARE. CALL THE HELPLINE AND LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR BOB A FOR DIRECTIONS.

FLASH: PIKES PEAK GAY COMMUNITY CENTER WINS AWARD...

PPGCC WON ONE OF THE RECENTLY AWARDED GOLDEN CROWN TROPHIES FOR THE "ORGANIZATION BEST BENEFITING THE GAY COMMUNITY." THE CENTER WAS IN VERY GOOD COMPANY, WITH THE IMPERIAL COURT OF SOUTHERN COLORADO AND METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH ALSO IN THE RUNNING. THE CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS WISHES TO THANK ALL THOSE PERSONS WHO VOTED FOR THE CENTER. ALTHOUGH SMALL, WE'RE KINDA **FIESTY**.

WOMYN'S THEATRE COLLECTIVE...

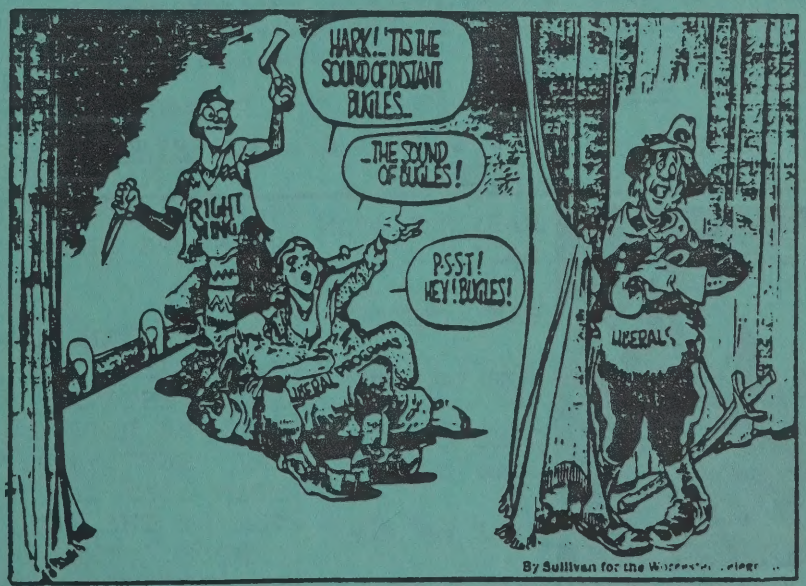
THE WOMYN'S THEATRE COLLECTIVE OF COLORADO SPRINGS PRESENTED THE GREEK PLAY "ARIADNE"(ADAPTED BY BATYA PODOS) AT THE MARGARITA AT PINE CREEK ON JULY 31, AUGUST 1,7 and 8th. THE PLAY WAS VERY WELL DONE, AND WARMLY RECEIVED BY THE AUDIENCES. WE LOOK FORWARD TO FUTURE OFFERINGS BY THIS VERY TALENTED GROUP.

NO WORD, YET, FROM THE CANDIDATES...

IN LATE JULY, THE PRESIDENT OF PPGCC CONTACTED THE CANDIDATES FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT #5, INCUMBENT KEN KRAMER, AND HOPEFUL TOM CRONIN FOR A STATEMENT THAT COULD BE REPRINTED IN GAYSPEAK(Sept. issue). AS OF THIS WRITING, WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED A REPLY.

IN ORDER TO HELP OUR READERS MAKE UP THEIR MINDS WITH REGARD TO THE CANDIDATES, WE WILL ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN GENERAL POLICY STATEMENTS FROM THE OFFICES OF EACH OF THE CANDIDATES AND WILL THEN PRINT THEM SIDE-BY-SIDE IN THE OCTOBER ISSUE OF THIS NEWSLETTER. LOOK FOR IT NEXT MONTH...

The New Right/ Moral Majority Forces think we are Asleep, Apathetic, Dispirited and Disorganized.



Only You Can Prove Them Wrong.

HAVE YOU REGISTER TO VOTE? ONE VOTE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

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DO SOMETHING...EITHER LEAD, FOLLOW, OR GET THE HELL OUT OF THE WAY.

Texas gay

full of bullfeathers

A WOMEN'S FALL EQUINOX CELEBRATION AT THE WELL... THE WOMEN'S CULTURAL CENTER OF COLORADO SPRINGS IS SPONSORING A GET-TOGETHER AT A PRIVATE HOT SPRINGS RESORT NEAR CANON CITY, KNOWN AS THE WELL. THE EVENT IS BEING HELD ON SATURDAY, SEPT. 18th FROM 6pm til MIDNIGHT. TICKETS COST $5.00 IN ADVANCE OR $6.00 AT THE GATE.

THE EVENT WILL FEATURE STARLIGHT SWIMMING IN THE LARGE HOT SPRINGS POOL, VOLLEYBALL, MUSIC, AND A POTLUCK SUPPER. GRILL WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COOKING AND THERE WILL BE A FIRE TO WARM UP BY AFTER SWIMMING. WOMEN ARE ASKED TO BRING FOOD TO SHARE, YOUR OWN BEVERAGES(no glass) AND A CHUNK OF FIREWOOD.

TO GET TO THE WELL, TAKE HWY. 115 FROM COLO. SPGS. TOWARDS CANON CITY FOR ABOUT 35 miles; TURN WEST ON HWY. 50 AND GO 1 mile. TURN LEFT ACROSS HWY. 50 AND GO 1/4 mile ON A DIRT ROAD TO THE WELL.

SEE YOU THERE...

WHAT IS A WOMAN?

She is a mother, a wife, a lover, a friend, the strength of the family. She is a partner, a problem solver, a worker, a lady. The essence of beauty within each soul. She can wash away your tears or cause them to flow like a river.

She is woman.

She has the wisdom and knowledge of the universe, the patience of time itself. She is mystery, joy and sorrow; a friend to the befriended.

She is woman.

She is graceful, delicate, soft, sincere, sensitive, beautiful like a rose in the garden of hope. For she is hope.

She is woman

She can make a nation out of a country, a mountain out of a hill. Without her there would be no world. Speak to her softly, love her gently, cherish her dearly for only God knows

She is woman.

by Spices

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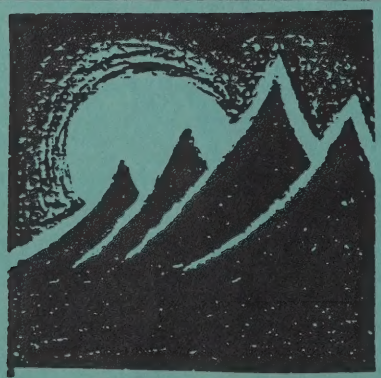

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THE 5th ANNUAL PIKES PEAK WOMEN'S FESTIVAL WILL BE HELD ON SAT. SEPT. 18th FROM 11am to 4pm AT THE UCCS CAMPUS. THE FESTIVAL IS A CELEBRATION OF WOMEN, FOR WOMEN, SERVING TO ACKNOWLEDGE WOMEN'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE WORLD.

Dear Ann Landers:

It is obvious from reading your column that large numbers of husbands and boyfriends are going bisexual or totally gay. I'll bet very few women have figured out why this is happening to them. May I explain?

Men are sick and tired of being suffocated, manipulated and financially plundered by females who have been taught by their mothers that they have some special sexual gift that entitles them to total control over men's lives. These men are discovering that other men can better understand their needs and feelings and that they are willing to fill them without insisting on complete subservience and slavish adherence to all rules, regulations, whims and lunacies.

This may come as a surprise to your readers, but on a scale of 1 to 10 sex is at the bottom of the list of what most men consider important in a relationship. Maybe if women would try to be friends first, and sex partners somewhere down the line, there would be less need for their husbands and sweethearts to turn away from them and seek genuine companionship elsewhere.

Unfortunately, so long as mothers continue to train their daughters to be man-traps and gold-diggers, you can expect those letters to keep coming, because men are becoming increasingly fed up and are switching over to the more compassionate members of their own sex.

— Done It In Dallas

Dear Done It:

Bullfeathers, Cowboy. Sidesaddle tenors don't get that way because they are mistreated by girlfriends and wives. A straight male could no more get interested in a gay than a chipmunk could fall for a lizard. A proclivity toward members of the same sex is developed during the first three years of life or before, depending on how much validity you attribute to the genetic factor, which, incidentally, may be much greater than we thought. From the tone of your letter I strongly suspect that you didn't switch to men because you became fed up with women. I believe this has been your preference all along.

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ARMY WARNS LAW SCHOOLS TO END BAN...

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORTS THAT UNIVERSITIES WHOSE LAW SCHOOLS REFUSE TO PERMIT ARMY RECRUITING BECAUSE THE SERVICE WILL NOT ACCEPT HOMOSEXUALS HAVE BEEN THREATENED WITH LOSS OF ALL THEIR DEFENSE CONTRACTS AND RESERVE TRAINING UNITS.

THE ARMY'S JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL, MAJ. GEN. HUGH J. CLAUSEN, HAS INFORMED SIX UNIVERSITIES THAT HE WILL RECOMMEND THAT THE PENTAGON MAKE THEM INELIGIBLE FOR FUTURE DEFENSE CONTRACTS UNLESS THEIR LAW SCHOOLS OPEN THEIR DOORS TO ARMY RECRUITING OF PROSPECTIVE GRADUATES.

ALL THE LAW SCHOOLS INVOLVED PROHIBIT ON-CAMPUS RECRUITING BY ANY EMPLOYER WHO DISCRIMINATES ON THE BASIS OF SEXUAL PREFERENCE. THE ARMY DOES NOT PERMIT THE RECRUITING OF HOMOSEXUALS, EITHER FOR SPECIALIZED LEGAL DUTY WITH THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL'S CORPS OR FOR GENERAL SERVICE IN THE RANKS. "WE WILL NOT SUBMIT TO RECRUITING IN A CLANDESTINE FASHION LIKE SECOND-CLASS ENTITIES," CLAUSEN DECLARED IN A MAY LETTER TO THE UNIVERSITIES--COLUMBIA AND NEW YORK UNIVERSITIES, YALE, HARVARD, THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT L.A., AND WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY IN DETROIT.

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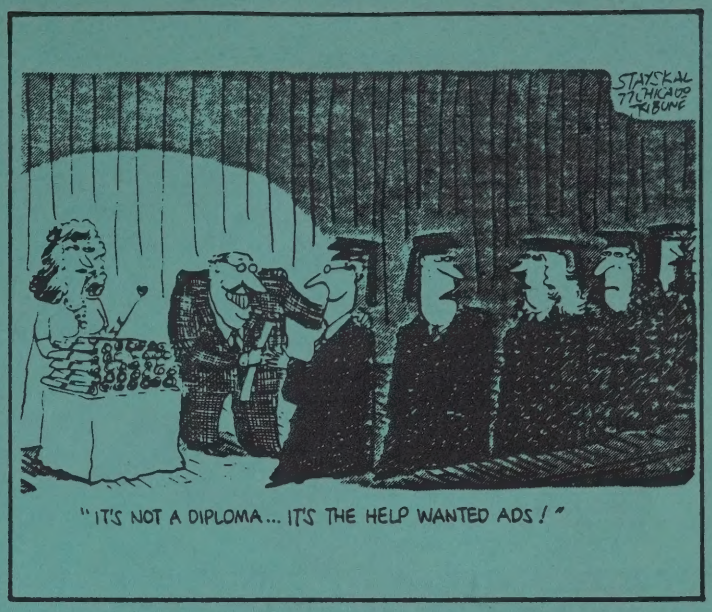

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CENTER SUPPORT GROUPS...

COMING OUT...THIS GROUP MEETS ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS FROM 7:15pm til 9:00pm. ALTHOUGH PRIMARILY A "MEN'S" GROUP MOST OF THE TIME, IT IS NOT RESTRICTED NOR LIMITED TO PERSONS OF THAT GENDER. CALL BOB MC IN CARE OF THE HELPLINE, 471-4GAY, AND LEAVE A MESSAGE.

COUPLES...THIS SUPPORT GROUP MEETS ONCE A MONTH, USUALLY ON A WEEKEND, FOR DISCUSSION AND SOCIALIZING. GUEST SPEAKERS ADDRESS THE GROUP FROM TIME TO TIME. CALL THE HELPLINE, 471-4GAY, AND LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR JOHN T.

SINGLES...THIS SUPPORT GROUP MEETS ON THURSDAY EVENINGS FROM 7:30pm til 9:00pm. MEETINGS ARE USUALLY CENTERED AROUND A TOPIC THAT IS DISCUSSED BY THE PARTICIPANTS. CONTACT THE HELPLINE AND LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR BOB A OR KATHY LYN.

YOUTH...IMPORTANT CHANGE OF MEETING DATE AND TIME...THE YOUTH GROUP WILL BEGIN MEETING ON TUESDAY EVENINGS FROM 7:00pm to 9:00pm. CALL THE HELPLINE AND LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR CHUCK.

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH...

THIS CHRISTIAN ORIENTED, GAY SENSITIVE CHURCH MEETS SUNDAY EVENINGS AT 7:00pm AT 730 N. Tejon Street(ALL SOULS UNITARIAN CHURCH facilities). CALL 634-6186 FOR INFORMATION ON CHURCH ACTIVITIES.

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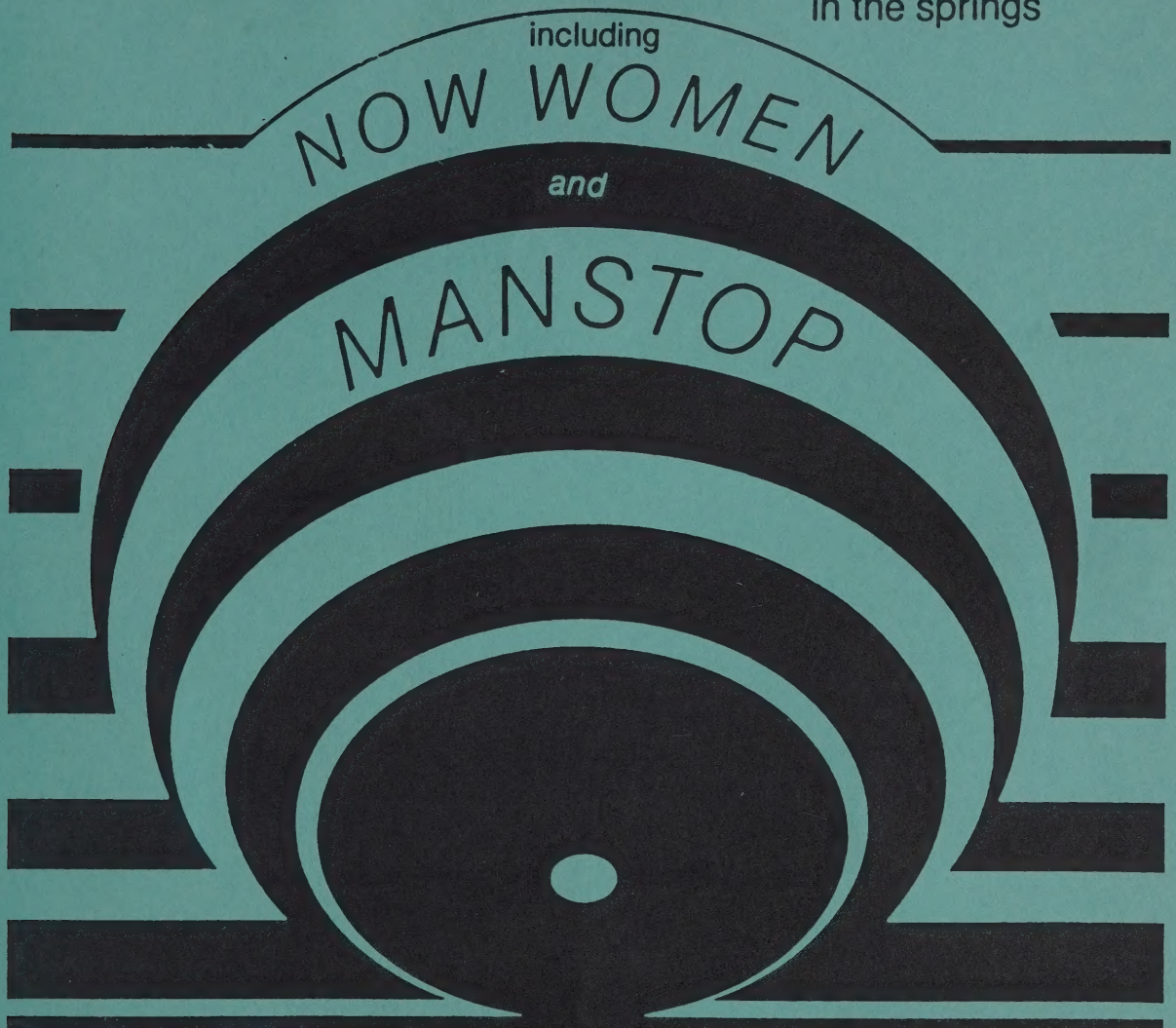

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